

How to abolish illegal sale of liquor under the new state law, which commences at 9:30 o'clock tonight, and ways and means of meeting the probable more or less systematized violation of the law, was the principal topic of discussion at a meeting of about 75 policemen and detectives in the corporation courtroom Sunday afternoon. Chief of police C. E. Pollock, sheriff Seth B. Orndorff, inspector J. W. Reese, judge H. B. Eilers and Capt. B. H. Ventor spoke.

Chief Pollock opened the discussion by outlining in a general way the problem that the authorities will have to cope with.

Stock Up for Sale.

"Beginning tonight," said chief Police Officer McGuire, "the city of St. Paul will begin a period of prohibition, which will endure for a period of 24 hours. In the last few weeks, as we all have observed, residents of St. Paul have been purchasing large quantities of liquor. This procedure has been innocent and legal, with intent only to provide a supply for private consumption. It is a reasonable assumption that if Police officers are already acquainted with this storage of liquor, has been with intent to sell illegally. If the dealer is caught, he will be arrested, and this will certainly cause much trouble. It will probably commence immediately, and will certainly last in full force very shortly. It is the Police officers' duty to crush it in its inception."

Must Use Present Force.
 "To do this we must work with the force we already have, as the city council has decided not to increase the police force. I am proud to say that the men of the department have responded instantly and willingly to my suggestion that the situation be met by extra volunteer duty in plain clothes as far as I know, the compliance with the suggestion has been unanimous. I have been assured that the department has the full backing of the city council and the civil service commission.

Harmonious With County Officers.
 "One thing more we can do in the suppression of these county traffic which is to work in all harmony with the sheriff's office. Sheriff Orderville is already acquainted with much of the going on, both within El Paso city and outside the limits, and although his force has been considerably reduced, the cooperation of the city and county officers will do much toward lessening the traffic."

Recent Act a Handicap.
Sheriff Grondoff discussed the effects of the recent act depriving the peace officers drawing less money than \$40 a month, of the right to carry a gun. This act, according to Mr. Grondoff, while qualifying to a great degree the problem of chief peace officers who are continually besieged by requests for commissions, at the same time handicaps them by depriving them of the service of many men who do valuable work gratuitously.

Says Sheriff's Force Small.
 "In the sheriff's office we have nine or ten regular deputies," said the sheriff, "and besides we have the services of a purely squad working in number of different times. At the same time, since I have been sheriff, I have commissioned in the neighborhood of 100 special officers. The new law will not prevent me from appointing these deputies, but it will prevent them from carrying guns, without which a police officer is not considered. For example, I have 15 special deputies, working out of my office, where now I have only three extra men, and a woman in my purely squad."

This Reform to Stick.
But there is one thing about this recent cleavage that I want to emphasize, and that is the fact that the majority of the people of this city are in favor of the reform. I have been in El Paso, which will be 25 years on the 25th of this month, have been frequent anonymous voters for reform, and believe that the law with more or less effect, and left the city pretty much as it was, except, of course, in one or two notable instances. But the town is growing, and the law is becoming more and more firmly established, and from this time forth prohibition will prevail in El Paso. It is the same with the railroad district—it is going to stay, and be held in place in the United States.

"The [German] government wanted it cleaned up. We are doing it ourselves, because the government wished to give us the opportunity of doing that little bit for our country. There has never been a time since the beginning of hostilities with Germany that the government could not have taken things into its own hands and forced Hitler to abolish the saloons and red-light district. The red-light district went by popular vote some time ago, and now the saloons have gone, or at least are going."

Judge E. H. Eifers, assistant district attorney, stated it as his opinion that attempts would be made to establish saloons outside the radius of the ten mile zone, and said that he had heard of 11 possible sites for the opening of establishments for the sale of liquor.

"It is very probable that there will be such places in the valley both above and below El Paso," said Judge Llera. "But these will be restrained in the sale of liquor for consumption at the place of purchase, or elsewhere outside the ten mile zone, as it is not lawful to bring intoxicants into the restricted district."

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Intends to Prosecute Him.
The same thing applies to Vio. I think more rightly of the German soldier in Europe taking his chances in a trench and looking down a rifle barrel at a United States soldier, than I do of a bootlegger or bander, taking in the benefits of our government and social system, who is slain at the victim of our army, and who our government can power-

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just as surely as though the men had been killed by German soldiers.

"I am heartily in this case, and I wish to say with reference to the law part in the enforcement of the law first, you get the violators, and we will take care of them."

Men of Force Give Opinions.

Chief Pollock then threw the question to the men, and they gave their present. It was thought by the majority of the men that the volunteers should be put down in the evening. Several officers, however, would be the period was most of the law violators would occur. Officers of the police department were carried in this belief. Officer T. J. McMahon expressed the opinion that the men should be put down in the men in pairs, as a single officer might occasionally be pitted against odds of five.

2. C. Houston, patrolman, advised

ated that all men work in their own interests, as they would be better conversant with the suspicious characters on their beats, and would be able to detect and arrest them. He thought that the apprehension of much of the bootlegging would be accomplished by the use of the law, and that it would be necessary only to be to follow the old hands known to the police to drink. Officer A. A. Furr, who has been in the law for some years, and who was arrested by Judge Scott, who stated that he was not a bootlegger, but a copy of the law, and was not conversant with its provisions.

Up to Every Officer.

Capt. R. H. Veater concluded the meeting by saying that every man must be left to their own judgment in the matter of detection and apprehension of bootleggers.

"I do not believe that the men

should be hampered with orders to follow protocol or to wait, which may perhaps conflict with their own knowledge of where violations occur. I believe that the captain should be given many hours as they please, a record of course, being kept, and are allowed to use their discretion to make decisions, and locate their men anyway they choose, that they will do more good under such a system than that they would be followed for a month at least until we see how it works out."

attorney W. H. Fryer. This law, which provides for a \$200 license and \$1000 each for city and county, was aimed at near beer has never been enforced locally. Mr. Fryer said he had serious doubts the law will fit the local situation.

GIVES A BARBECUE.

In order to give the public a formal introduction to his brand of soft drinks, the Loder brothers of El Paso Brewing company, was host Sunday afternoon at the brewery to several hundred friends at a barbecue.

HUYS WHISKY FOR CITY.

Anticipating that during the recent prohibition period the city for medicinal purposes will command high prices, city purchasing agent A. C.

good whiskey for the city erupted. He bought three cases, a dozen quarts each, at \$19.50 a case.

MEETING IS HELD IN JUEZES TO DISCUSS BANK FORMATION

At the request from Mexico City a mass meeting was held at the custom house in Juezes Saturday to secure subscriptions to the Mexico National bank recently organized. About 150 business men of Juezes attended the meeting.

As soon as more information is received, an active financing campaign is to be started. The meeting Saturday was called by S. Aguilar, tax inspector. Max J. G. Tania, chief of staff of the Juezesarrison, also

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commerce attended.
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president; S. Lecoq, bankers, secre-
L. Enriquez, pro-secretary;
L. Goret, A. Marquis, A. S.
dero, M. Traub, B. Adams and
Villalobos, directors, was elected
take care of the work of organiza-

Swedolva Condemned as Spy.
Geneva, Switzerland, April 18.—The
federal patent tribunal has condemned
Raymond Swedolva, who claims
American citizenship when arrested
last winter in Switzerland on an
charge of espionage, to a term of 18
months; payment of a fine of 25
francs and two years' expulsion.

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A board composed of S. Aguilar, president; S. Lomano Baldana, secretary; L. Enriquez, pro-secretary; Levy, treasurer; A. Martinez, Excadero, M. Trueba, S. Adams and Villalobos, directors, was elected to take care of the work of organizing

Swoboda Condemned as Spy.
Geneva, Switzerland, April 15.—The federal penal tribunal has condemned Raymond Swoboda, who claims American citizenship when arrested last winter in Switzerland on an espionage charge, to 16 months' imprisonment, payment of a fine of 10 francs and two years' exclusion from the country.

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